Sabah cops to probe Gempur Rasuah 2.0 Rally

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Sabah Police Commissioner Datuk Jauteh Dikun (second left) said three investigation papers have been opened on the recent Gempur Rasuah 2.0 Rally in Kota Kinabalu.

KOTA KINABALU: Sabah police have opened three investigation papers involving nine offences linked to the Gempur Rasuah Sabah 2.0 gathering held over the weekend here.

Sabah Police Commissioner Datuk Jauteh Dikun said some of the offences fall under the 3R category (race, religion and royalty), and investigations are being carried out under several laws, primarily the Penal Code and Sedition Act.

"Among the offences were incitement, burning materials in public areas, and bringing hazardous items such as fuel to the gathering.

"These are among the 16 conditions outlined by the Kota Kinabalu district police chief that the organisers were required to comply with," he said at a press conference on Monday (June 23).

Jauteh explained that the conditions were intended to ensure the gathering proceeded without disrupting public order or posing safety risks.

"We are not saying that they definitely violated the conditions, but we are investigating reports of possible legal breaches, not merely the act of assembling itself," he said.

Asked whether the organisers, comprising Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) students under the banner Suara Mahasiswa, had misled police when submitting their rally notice, Jauteh said the students had not provided accurate information.

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"They claimed it was unusual for police to respond with conditions, but they should have understood, especially with legal counsel present, that our actions were in line with the Peaceful Assembly Act," he said.

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“The aim was to assist, not to suppress. Our presence during the procession was to prevent any untoward incidents,” he said.

Despite the organisers describing the event as peaceful, Jauteh said failure to comply with certain conditions had triggered investigations.

“Although police did not take immediate action at the time, this does not mean no action will follow,” he noted.

He stressed that if any actions during the assembly breached the law, police will investigate and submit the findings to the Attorney General’s Chambers for further action.

Several individuals, including participants, members of the public, and police officers involved in monitoring the event, are currently being called to provide statements.

On a separate matter, Jauteh said police are also investigating a report that several students’ vehicles were splashed with acid. The case is being probed under Section 500 of the Penal Code.

When asked whether other groups were present at the scene, Jauteh confirmed that at least one other group was in the area.

“We are investigating the extent of their involvement, particularly individuals identified by the public as wearing white shirts,” he said.

He added that the crowd was scattered, making it difficult to determine the exact number of participants, but the focus remains on Suara Mahasiswa.

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